

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Department of Natural Resources
Room 314
May 13, 2003

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade **B** Utah Energy Office
MILLIS, Eric **B** Division of Water Resources
KLOTZ, Eric **B** Division of Water Resources
KAPPE, Karl - Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
DOWELL, Robert **B** Utah Department of Transportation
CHRISTY, Kim **B** School and Institutional Trust Lands
CANNING, Michael **B** Division of Wildlife Resources
DALTON, Jamie **B** State Parks and Recreation
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill **B** Division of Water Rights
HARTY, Kimm **B** Utah Geological Survey
DANIELS, Ron **B** Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
BEDEL, Mark **B** Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
PARKER, Randy **B** Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
BLATTER, Therron **B** Division of Environmental Quality/DERR
GEORGESON, Michael **B** Division of Environmental Quality **B** Drinking Water
REICKERT, Mike **B** Division of Environmental Quality - Water Quality

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn **B** GOPB/DNR
LANDURETH, Brenda - DNR/ADMIN
SHAEFER, Jim - Ames Construction
HILL, Shawn **B** Summit County
LOUAHLIN, Bill - Kleinfelder
CONDRAT, George - Kleinfelder
WENGER, Dennis **B** Frontier Corporation
DAYTON, David **B** Frontier Corporation
EVANS, Doug **B** Mountain Regional Water
RINGNALDA, Eileen **B**
HAWKS, Darin - AQUA
NEELEY, Craig **B** AQUA Engineering
EVANS, Doug **B** Mountain Regional Water
DATE, Dave **B** Frontier Corporation

I. Approval of Minutes

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Karl Kappe made a motion to amend the March 11, 2003 minutes. Kimm Harty seconded the motion.

Changes to the Minutes - Second page, first sentence, **A**purchase@ should be **A**purchased@ and the right-of-way permit comment in the middle of the page should have **A**for any truck rout across Bear River Bay@ added to the end of Karl Kappe=s statement. The third page, second paragraph should have **A**Committee@ inserted for **A**Council@. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Special Presentations/Discussions

Great Salt Lake Plan Maintenance, Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Karl Kappe announced that a mapping error was discovered in the final Great Salt Lake Plan regarding oil and gas surface occupancy constraints for oil and gas leasing in the Rozel Point area. The Great Salt Lake Board of Directors have decided that this is a mapping error, not requiring a plan amendment process. The mapping error will be corrected to indicate that oil and gas surface occupancy will be allowed in the east

half of Section 8 and west half of Section 9 (one-mile long area). This information will be included in future lease offerings.

Overview of the Western Transportation Corridor, Eileen Ringnald, TITLE

Eileen Ringnald represented Western Transportation Corridor and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the Mountain View Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project Team. The project study area includes western Salt Lake County and northern northwest Utah County. Previous corridor study efforts included the Western Transportation Corridor Study (2001) and the North Valley Connector Study. Joint lead agencies include the Federal Highways Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. Other participants include the UDOT (project facilitator), Utah Transit Authority, Mountainlands Association of Governments, Envision Utah (assisting with land use planning, public and local governments involvement), Wasatch Front Regional Council and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The need for the project is based on population projections that exceed 100 and up to 145 percent by 2030. The goal of the project is to meet transportation needs through proactive community involvement and assessment of environmental issues.

Public involvement is key to success. The efforts will include public meetings, community meetings and workshops, and stakeholder meetings. An agency scoping meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 5, 2003, at the UDOT Region 2, Milestone Conference Room. A series of public workshops and scoping meetings in conjunction with an Envision Utah workshops, Wednesday, May 21, 2003 through Thursday, June 5, 2003. An *Agency and Public Scoping Meeting Schedule* was handed out to the committee. The team is seeking comments regarding any issues or any potential alternatives in the study area at this stage of the scoping process. The Mountain View Corridor EIS project is involving Envision Utah during the first year to help work with local communities to help identify transportation needs and land use. The team is very open to all suggestions, comments and ideas from which to develop solutions. We are looking at a Record of Decision in 2006.

Envision Utah's Growth Choice Phase of their process is overlapping with the EIS scoping and alternative development. The EIS effort will be working with local community master plans to make accurate projections of land use and growth patterns. The Envision Utah Project will help communities to consider the interrelationship between land use and transportation. Communities control their destiny and will decide if any changes are necessary to their master plans.

Environmental resource studies are using data from the two previous corridor study efforts. Data and information will include:

Land Use	Farmlands
Air quality	Water Resources
Wetlands	Threatened and Endangered Species (State/Federal)
Cultural Resources	Hazardous Waste Sites

The Mountain View Corridor EIS Project Teams invites RDCC representatives and others to attend the agency and public meetings and to participate and provide comments on the website at www.dot.utah.gov/mountainview/.

Questions

Bill Schlotthauer asked if utility corridors would be included. They will be included in the study. Kimm Harty asked if paleontological resources would be considered in the EIS. They will be considered in the alternatives phase of the process. Kim Christy, State Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA), asked about the extent of the project area. The corridor is 35 miles long and five miles wide. This large study includes 13 different jurisdictions. In the Utah County, area concerns include how the new facility ties into I-15. There is a greater need for east-west connections. Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs and other areas are expanding, so there is interest in EIS in these areas. State Parks and Recreation has a continuous trail along the Jordan River Corridor and are interested in the area by Saratoga Springs and would like to be involved in the process, especially if Land, Water and Conservation Funds are involved.

Southern Corridor, Robert Dowell, Utah Department of Transportation

Robert Dowell, Project Manager for the Washington County area, represented the Utah Department of Transportation. The purpose and need of the Southern Corridor project is a regional transportation facility service St. George, Hurricane, Washington City and other cities by providing access to I-15. Several options are under consideration, including a tie I-15 into milepost 2, State Route 9 that ties into I-15 at milepost 16 that heads over to Zion National Park and a tie into SR-9 at 3400 West (half way between Hurricane City and I-15- three alternatives.) Eventually a connection from I-17 in Flagstaff, Arizona to I-15 will be needed. This will provide a transportation backbone for these areas. There is some secondary bypass potential for those who will be traveling to Las Vegas, Nevada from Zion National Park. This multi-jurisdictional project involves the Federal Highway Administration Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Management, Washington County, local city governments, School Trust Lands Administration, Dixie MPO and private property landowners.

Red Cliffs Desert Reserve included the designation of 60,000 acres north of St. George. Private land in that area was traded with areas between the border and south of St. George. There is a great deal of interest in development in this area.

The comment period for the Draft is May 30, 2003. A public hearing has been held in St. George and another in Hurricane, Utah. Approximately, 50 people attended each meeting.

The UDOT has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the Southern Corridor EIS to streamline the entire project, EPA has been very involved over the last three years to discuss issues.

Jamie Dalton, State Parks and Recreation, asked a question regarding the alignment of the facility. The Southern Corridor is between a freeway and an expressway (four-lane divided) and has access points

every three to four miles as need. There may be some concerns regarding the alignment near Sand Wash State Park.

A local planning group will be established for corridor management to establish the criteria for access and to resolve other management issues. The new airport EIS takes the alignment of the corridor into consideration.

Environmental impacts have been eliminated, avoided or minimized. A buffer will be established along Warner Ridge to prevent sensitive and threatened and endangered species impacts with local development. Impacts to White Dome have been avoided. Water quality issues at Akinville Wash/Fort Pearce Wash along Akinville Ridge impacts to Willow Springs have been avoided. Cultural resources, and archeological and paleontological impacts are currently being considered by Utah Geological Survey.

Lost Creek Pipeline, Darin Hawks, AQUA/Shawn Hill, Summit County/Craig Neeley, AQUA
Comments on this project item are due today to Carolyn Wright. Comments have been received from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and State Parks and Recreation. Several representatives attended in support of this presentation and to help to answer any questions that the committee might have.

Shawn Hill

Mountain Regional Water Special Service District (District) is a new water district in Summit County. The Synderville Basin (outside of Park City on the west side of Summit County) has historically been serviced by 15 water companies. Most of the smaller companies have struggled over the years due to:

- declining water resources
- wells have lost their capacity
- groundwater is found in shallow bedrock aquifers
- few alluvial wells
- increasing demands for property while water quality and quantity has declined.

On January 1, 2002, Summit County created the Mountain Regional Water Special Service District with the purpose of replacing the old Akinson Special Service District and regionalizing all struggling systems into one healthier district to combine and share water resources. The ultimate plan is to import water from eastern Summit County from the main Weber River Drainage. In 1996, the Summit County Commission entered into a MOU with Weber Basin Water Conservancy District and Park City to import water from the Rockport area into the Synderville Basin. The District started in 2000 with 200 customers and today has 3,800 residential connections.

Craig Neeley

The purpose of the project is to help meet current service commitments and to accommodate the expanding need for irrigation and potable water in three basins. The general project plan covers a large service area. It is a real challenge to regionalize these systems with capacity supply problems. He provided a project overview that included information on the project layout, water source, booster pump facility, transmission pipeline, storage reservoir, raw water treatment plant and distribution and conveyance

systems. Water rights have been secured for this project. Several aspects and details of the project were presented. Some of this information is listed below:

- Pumping rates are expected to range from 917 to 1834 gpm.
- Shallow streambank infiltration diversion points will be developed.
- Described wells and other construction details and information.
- Pressures in the pipeline are very high.
- Construction efforts have avoided impacts to wetlands and floodplains.
- The transmission pipeline will be approximately 29,000 feet in length.
- The reservoir will store approximately 19 acre-ft. of water that will be used for irrigation and raw water treatment and will be located at the terminus of the pipeline on the Promontory Development.
- The effort has included a Wetland Delineation Report, Biological Assessment Report and a Cultural Survey.

The following agencies have issued permits or have pending permits and authorizations from the following agencies for this project:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Utah Division of Water Rights, Dam Safety
Utah Division of Drinking Water
Utah Division of Water Quality
Utah Department of Transportation, Summit County

Ron Daniels, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), asked how much of the water would be allocated for domestic use. About half of the water would be allocated for culinary water use and the other half for secondary irrigation system. This is the first secondary water system that will be built in this area. It will be used for golf courses and open space areas. The hope is that future projects will make use of secondary water systems in the basin.

Kimm Harty, Utah Geological Survey, asked how the project is being funded. Funding is from a revenue bond and developer contributions. Several million dollars have been allocated for this project. Promontory Development is the largest user with 1,600 units. Several golf courses and commercial properties are planned with funding through a special improvement district created by the county.

It was asked where the water rights would be obtained. The water rights are all Weber Basin exchange water. Water rights have been approved by the state and include water in Smith Moorehouse and Rockport reservoirs, which is part of a MOU that the county entered into with Weber Basin in 1996. This project uses 6,600 acre-ft that Weber Basin set aside for Summit County. This project uses 1,500-1,600 acre-ft. (groundwater exchange rights). Future connections will be made at the Rockport Dam or involve direct stream diversions, which require a change application for federal water and would take several years.

The entire project is estimated to cost nine million dollars. One-third is for areas outside of the Promontory

Development. The County Conditional Use Permit can be completed after all other permits are issued approximately the second week in June. It will take six months to complete construction.

Karl Kappe asked if it would be possible to use water from the reservoir for wildfire fighting purposes. This is very possible, since water is directly accessible from the reservoir and several taps along the pipeline.

The wells and point diversions will be completed soon. All permits have been obtained. The test well will be completed soon.

III. Report from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Jamie Dalton, State Parks and Recreation, reported that a new Draft State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) would be sent out to the National Park Service for final completion. It will be presented to RDCC in the next few weeks.

Michael Canning, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, made suggestions regarding the RDCC Project Management System. He asked if updates/changes made to the management system could be announced via weekly email messages. It would be more efficient and easier to track project status and comment responses. Management system changes are made by Carolyn Wright and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB). Carolyn Wright will also ask if the GOPB management system can be changed to reflect updated and reprioritized items.

Ron Daniels, DOGM, reported that a MOU with SITLA has been completed for the protection of archeological resources on oil and gas drilling sites, especially SITLA administered lands. The rulemaking for oil and gas bonding has been completed. DOGM received extensive public comments on the rules and are working on a change to the proposed rule, which will be published in the Utah Bulletin and will be finalized July 1, 2003. DOGM has responded to public comment, changed the rules and will meet with the public to develop alternative rules.

Mike Georgeson, DEQ, Division of Drinking Water, reported that DEQ met with the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City and Sandy regarding their Point of the Mountain Water Quality Treatment Plant. The location of the plant was controversial. They have made decisions and are moving into the design phase of the project. Plans and specifications will be available late fall and winter and construction will begin a year.

Bill Schotthauer, Division of Water Rights, reported that the division would reduce the amount of information that they put in newspapers. Information will be provided on the website for advertising purposes during the protest period. A message/voice mail system with a 1-800 toll-free number will be available for the public to request information. Newspaper readers will be referred to the website.

The Santa Clara Project, Shivwit's settlement is currently being reviewed by Secretary Norton. If she

authorizes the settlement, the alignment for the two pipelines EIS will be released for public comment and review. This will phase will require RDCC review.

Discussion Items

- The committee will rotate who will bring refreshments for the next meeting.
- Extra copies of the Canyon Rims Recreation Area Management Plan (Special Recreation Area) were made available at the meeting.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

No items on the Project Management Library required review.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, in room 1010.